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E. O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ESTC COCOM UK AU EI EU  
SUBJ: US-ORIGIN COMPUTER EQUIPMENT TO USSR

REF: A) STATE 306104, B) VIENNA 10290, AND PREVIOUS

1. COMPUTER EQUIPMENT ARRIVED SHANNON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 FOLLOWING RELEASE FROM LONDON, HEATHROW BY HMG. DURING WEEKEND IRISH DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OBTAINED SPECIAL MINISTERIAL ORDERS WHICH HAD EFFECT OF CHANGING EXISTING IRISH LAW TO PERMIT GOI TO STOP RE-EXPORT OF EQUIPMENT IN QUESTION. UNDER REGULATIONS PREVIOUSLY IN FORCE SHIPMENT MIGHT HAVE BEEN RE-EXPORTED WITHOUT CONTROL AS GOODS IN TRANSIT. GOI HAS MODIFIED ITS REGULATIONS IN THIS RESPECT IN ORDER TO COOPERATE WITH USG AND TO ENFORCE COCOM REGULATIONS.

2. WHILE GOI HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL AND COOPERATIVE, IRISH  
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OFFICIALS ARE ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION NOT ONLY TO JUSTIFY THE ACTIONS THEY HAVE TAKEN TO DATE, BUT TO SUPPORT ANY FURTHER ACTION THEY MAY TAKE. SPECIFICALLY, GOI WANTS TO KNOW HOW STRONG IS USG DESIRE TO HOLD GOODS IN SHANNON OR WHETHER WE WANT TO SEE THE GOODS SHIPPED TO AUSTRIA OR SOME OTHER DESTINATION. GOI ACTION

WILL BE GUIDED BY USG DESIRES IN THIS RESPECT. ANOTHER QUESTION THE IRISH HAVE RAISED REGARDS THE EXACT DESCRIPTION OF THE GOODS. THAT IS, UNDER WHAT PRECISE HEADING DO THEY COME ON THE INTERNATIONAL COCOM LIST. THE GREATEST AMOUNT OF DETAIL POSSIBLE IS REQUESTED BY GOI. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE HAVE ALREADY ASSURED GOI THAT GOODS CONTAIN US-ORIGIN, COCOM-CONTROLLED COMPONENTS.

3. GOI HAS ALSO ASKED WHO OWNS THE EQUIPMENT AND WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IT. PRESUMABLY, THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED BY VIENNA'S RESPONSE TO REF. A.

4. FINALLY, IRISH ARE FRANKLY DISTURBED BY FACT THAT HMG, A COCOM COUNTRY, RELEASED THE GOODS FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND PERMITTED THEM TO MOVE TO SHANNON. GOI WONDERS WHY BRITISH DID NOT DEMAND END-USE CERTIFICATE FROM SHIPPER WHICH MIGHT BE USEFUL IN DETERMINING THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION OR MIGHT AT LEAST HAVE EFFECT OF FURTHER DELAYING ONWARD SHIPMENT OF GOODS. WE HAVE TOLD GOI THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT EQUIPMENT WAS TECHNICALLY IN TRANSIT WHILE IN LONDON AND THAT HMG LACKED LEGAL MEANS OF HOLDING IT. GOI HAS NOT BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH HMG ON THIS QUESTION AND DOES NOT PLAN TO DO SO. RENDAHL

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